

# The Great Talmudist

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

In this TV age, audiences get restless after a half hour of a lecture.

But not when the speaker is the incomparable Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, the great Talmudist. He holds audiences spellbound for hours when he delivers a shiur, a lesson.

Scion of a great rabbinic family once located in the Russian town of Brisk, with one foot in Boston and the other in Manhattan's Yeshiva U., Soloveitchik can hold forth in Yiddish, English, Hebrew, German, and other languages probably, with magnetic ease.

He sits when he speaks. He is surrounded by books. He reads a line or two of the Talmud. Then he digs into the words, coming up with new insights and unexpected nuances. Stern, he will smile when he displays a new thought like a jewelry fancier holding up a lustrous gem.

Deeply philosophical, he will show how the words of our tradition illuminate modern problems. He is known as the Brisker, and he is brisk in his delivery, though never pompous. Orthodox rabbis have virtually canonized him. When they talk about the "Rav," they mean Soloveitchik. He was a natural for the chief rabbinate of Israel, but turned it down, because his greater love is imparting the truths of Judaism.

Not so long ago he told an enraptured group of laymen that every man personified one central trait. For Moses, it was truth; for Aaron it was kindness. They had other qualities, but they incarnated these.

He went on to talk about Musar, a Hebrew term often defined as moral chastisement. But no, it really means self-discipline, one of the most difficult and most valuable of human attainments.

Soloveitchik, a vibrant 73, the philosopher-teacher-sage is the personification of Creative Erudition. This is a lucky generation and this is a lucky country to have him.

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### SEEK EXTRADITION FOR NAZI WAR MURDERER

**BUENOS AIRES (WNS)** -- Interior Minister Alberto Rocamora has been asked by the Association of Jewish Survivors of Nazi Persecution to take action against the Nazi war criminal, Walter Kutschmann who has been living in Argentina since 1947 under the alias of Pedro Ricardo Olmos.

Kutschmann was questioned by the federal police for six hours after Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal said he was the SS officer responsible for the execution of 20 Polish Jewish university professors and their families in Lwow on July 4, 1941. Wiesenthal, who heads the Nazi war crimes documentation center in Vienna, said he was asking this public prosecutor in West Germany to seek to extradite Kutschmann. He said the full dossier on Kutschmann would be handed over to Argentine authorities.

Kutschmann, meanwhile, has denied he is the wanted Nazi and claimed he was born in Spain but has a German accent because he was brought to Germany as a child. He claimed the charges against him were false and said he had "received assurances from Bonn they will put a final stop to this defamation campaign, quite common in Latin American countries, especially Argentina."

The Austrian Jewish Students Federation has also called upon the West German government to seek Kutschmann's extradition. The Federation said Kutschmann was also responsible for the death of 2000 other Jews.

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**DR. SAMUEL I. COHEN OF FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK, HAS BEEN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION.**

The film, "Planning For Floods," airs Monday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. and repeats Saturday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 10.

Hair stylist, Leon Gasby, is host Lee Winston's guest on 'People' repeating at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7 on Channel 10.

Program designed to aid in this readjustment and which offers group counseling to wives of heart attack victims will be broadcast on KLVX, Channel 10 at 8 p.m. Wednesday July 16.

Wednesday, July 16 at 10 p.m. on Channel

### CONGRESSMEN SPONSOR ANTI-BOYCOTT BILLS

**WASH. (WNS)** -- Legislation prohibiting discriminatory boycotts against American businesses owned by Jews or who do business with Israel is now being sponsored by 87 members of the House of Representatives.

The legislation was introduced by Rep. Peter Rodino (D.N.J.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y). Rodino's Subcommittee on Monopolies will hold hearings soon.

The latest co-sponsor of the bill, Rep. Thomas M. Rees (D. Calif.), chairman of the House Banking Committee's Subcommittee on International Trade Invest-

10, Michael and Ercell Heath, both in their 60's and married 18 months, will describe their life and love on "Sexuality: The Human Heritage."

Charles A. Jacobi, of UNLV, founder of the first college-based radiographic technology school in the United States, has been made a fellow in the National College of Radiography Technology.

ment and Monetary Policy, said he will investigate alleged pressure by Arab nations on American companies to discriminate against Jewish employees or customers.

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